



2025 POSITION PAPER

HB 1112

PFAS Chemicals – Civil Actions and Prohibition on Consumer Product Sales FAVORABLE

The Maryland Association for Justice requests a favorable vote on HB 1112 which would increase the statute of limitations for injuries and death due to PFAS chemicals.

PFAS chemicals (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) are man-made chemicals that are used in many consumer products. These chemicals are known as forever chemicals as they do not break down in the environment. It is likely present in everyone's blood stream and has been linked to many dangerous diseases. Per the EPA, peer-reviewed scientific studies have shown that PFAS exposure may cause reproductive problems, have developmental delays in children, increase the risk of cancers including prostate, kidney and testicular.

HB 1112 provides that if exposure to PFAS chemicals was a cause of injury to a person, the statute of limitations is the earlier of 3 years from the date when the cause of action was discovered or 10 years from the date of exposure. The bill further provides that if exposure to PFAS chemicals was a cause of a person's death, that an action has to be filed at the earlier of 3 years from the date when the cause of action was discovered or 10 years after the date of death. This makes sense in that the effects of PFAS chemicals and exposure is still being studied, and only a 3-year statute of limitations when the death may be due to PFAS is unfair.

Maryland would not be alone doing this. New Hampshire law provides for an extended statute of limitations for PFAS exposure.

The Maryland Association for Justice urges a FAVORABLE Report on HB 1112

About Maryland Association for Justice

The Maryland Association for Justice (MAJ) represents over 1,250 trial attorneys throughout the state of Maryland. MAJ advocates for the preservation of the civil justice system, the protection of the rights of consumers and the education and professional development of its members.

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